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A letter from the President...

Good evening friends, family, faculty, and South community to our annual Cultural Dinner Theater. We are proud to showcase the culmination of all of our efforts, much of which had even started last June. With some aid from our advisor, Mr. Jeffrey Hsi, we have written our own scripts and incorporated new languages into this modern twist on a classic story. Numerous hours have been dedicated to make this amazing night possible.

The Cultural Society was established by Mr. Hsi four years ago as a means of sharing our culture with one another. However, within these four years we have also contributed a significant amount of our time and effort to make a difference in our own community. Last year the club had sponsored its first ever St. Baldricks charity fundraiser. Sixty students and adults of all ages had volunteered to shave their heads. Together, they had somehow raised over \$16,000 for children's cancer research!

This year we hope to raise even more. We ask for your support by going online to www.stbaldricks.org, where you can sign up to either participate or donate. Our school motto is "Small Acts of Kindness Can Make a Big Difference." We embrace this belief, and welcome all to come and join us on March 25th to participate in our St. Baldricks fundraiser. For more information, pick up a flier after tonight's show.

We would like to thank Mr. Hsi, Mrs. SantaMaria, and Mrs. Hsi for their dedication in spending those many, many long tedious hours with us. We would especially like to thank everyone who donated this delicious food tonight; otherwise, none of you would have been fed! We hope to see you at our St. Baldricks fundraiser on March 25th. Enjoy the show!

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President



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English

Background:

American theater is based in the European tradition. Though originally consisting mostly of revues and Vaudeville-type shows, the development of current musical theater and drama styles has more or less eliminated these two. Currently, American theater provides a method of expression for a variety of different groups and shows range from the avant-garde to the mainstream.

Summary:

In this scene, Dorothy finds out that she will be moving from Kansas to Buffalo, NY as a result of her Auntie Em's promotion. Angry, she throws a fit in her room that results in her being knocked out by a falling shelf, and her journey begins.



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Writer/Director

Julia Poje

Cast

Dorothy - Gabrielle Tsai

Auntie Em - Liana Vulaj

Uncle Henry - Chanse Scott



French

Background:

When France was the most powerful European nation, French theater was highly discouraged. *“The pit of a theater is the one place where the tears of virtuous and wicked men alike are mingled”-Denis Diderot, French Philosopher.*

Despite the backlash many French playwrights emerged regardless, taking the French Theater and turning it into a viewing pleasure to many across Europe. Here in Valley Stream we emulate the essence of French theater by tying it into an American classic.

Summary:

In this part of the play, we have a new villain in our hands, the bully, Wicked Ester. Wicked Ester, played by Annie Paul, terrorizes Oz Highs’ poor little munchkins/geeks. She holds the prominent Ruby Homecoming Sash that she obtained by stepping on anyone that got in her way.

Dorothy unexpectedly arrives at Oz High and knocks Ester out when she steps into the classroom. Follow Dorothy as she tries to avoid the wrath of Mademoiselle West and tries to find the Wizard/Advice Columnist of Oz High, who can help her get home.



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Writers/Directors/Choreographers

Moses Syldort
Kathleen Theodule
Debbie Medina

Cast

Dorothy - Jonelle Douglas
Wicked Ms. West - Manar Swaby
Wicked Ester - Annie Paul
Glinda, the Student Body President - Arousiak Kazarian
Munchkin 1- Shanice Green
Munchkin 2- Samantha Jean

Extras

Munchkins:

Samara Bustamante
Debbie Medina
Natalia Palacio
Colleen Poje
Sabah Waheed

Christine Sicwaten
Ann Starling
Moses Syldort
Kathleen Theodule
Sabrina Jagarnath





Spanish

Background:

Telenovelas, also known as teleseries, are Latin American television programs transmitted through daily episodes with tons of drama. They are similar to soap operas, although Spanish telenovelas are much shorter in length. They normally have a limited number of episodes that do not pass a hundred or a couple hundred within one year. A telenovela is guaranteed overacted drama that never seems to end.

Summary:

The Spanish portion of tonight's Dinner Theater performance introduces many of our main characters. First Dorothy helps Scott "the Scarecrow" escape from a dark locker. Soon after she realizes that he isn't very bright and asks him to join her in her search for help.

On their journey they stumble upon Tim whose dance moves and appearance have labeled him a Tin Man. He needs dire help in charming the love of his life, Maria by learning to salsa. Tim trots along with Dorothy and Scott in search of better rhythm.

Finally, they come upon the school's lion mascot who is drenched in tears. A rare incident has made a Coward of the once fearless and talented football player. It is a unanimous decision that Liam the Lion needs just as much help as they do. Thus Dorothy, now accompanied by her newfound friends, continues her search for the office of the Emerald Times.



Writer/Director

Nicole Silverstein

Cast

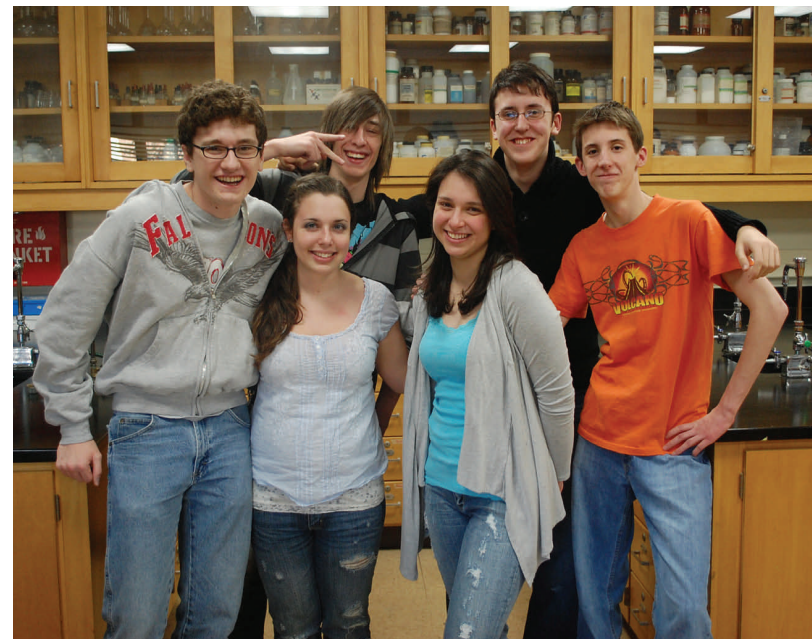
Dorothy - Regina Laube

Scarecrow - Frankie Haggerty

Tin Man - Stefano Flavoni

Cowardly Lion - William Milne

Student- Matthew Socci





Italian

Background:

Italian theater is a combination of traditional acting with opera. Opera is an art form in which singers and musicians perform a dramatic work combining text and musical score. It incorporates elements of spoken theatre, such as acting, scenery, costumes and some even include dance. Singers are accompanied by a musical ensemble ranging from a small instrumental ensemble to a full symphonic orchestra.

Summary:

The Italian portion of Dinner Theater begins with Dorothy and friends eagerly returning to the Emerald Times with the dreadful Board of Ed. At first the crew is not welcomed by the student that answers the door but after some pleading, the student finally allows them to see the wizard.

Our protagonists just want to talk to the Wizard so he can give each of them advice to solve all of their problems.. But it's quickly revealed that the Wizard is not all that he appears!



Writers/Directors/Choreographers

Catherine Almonte

Samara Bustamante

Cast

Dorothy - Laura Alzate

Scarecrow - Samara Bustamante

Tin Man - Kevin Benitez

Cowardly Lion - Natalia Palacio

Maria - Debbie Medina

Salsa Dancer 1 - Nicole Silverstein

Salsa Dancer2 - Nathalia Gil

Coach - Briyana Ford

Football Player 1 - Mariyam Qureshi

Football Player 2 - Catherine Almonte

Extras

Salsa Dancers:

Jeremy Cortez

Moses Syldort





Korean

Background:

Korean Dramas have always caught the attention of its own people and around the world. There are two genres of Korean dramas, those that exemplify soap operas and those that are historical. Both genres have complicated story lines but historical dramas represent a different type of story, one that shows the struggles of our ancestors rather than fall in love with the antagonist and lay out the next sixteen episodes. Also the focus in historical dramas is not always on the storyline, but bringing to life the elaborate clothes and lifestyles of yesteryear making the dramas interesting and catering to all human interest stories.

Summary:

The Korean portion of this year's dinner theater consists of our protagonists searching for the office of Emerald Times, but they run into trouble with the Wicked Ms. West, who makes their journey more difficult. She sends them off to the gymnasium to help decorate for Homecoming when they come across the K-Pop Dance Crew practicing.

As one member falls and hurts himself, the Dance Team challenges the Tin Man after overhearing that he used to dance. After showing that he is a truly great dancer, the protagonists move on overcoming Ms. West once again, so that they can get to the office of the Emerald Times.



Writers/Directors/Choreographers

Yaaseen Hossen

Sabah Waheed

Ann Starling

Mohammed Ansari

Cast

Dorothy - Sharmila Dass

Cowardly Lion - Yaaseen Hossen

Scarecrow - Shery Waheed

Tin Man - Ajay Hossen

Maria - Sabrina Jagarnath

Flying Monkey Cheerleader 1 - Christina Roopnarine

Flying Monkey Cheerleader 2 - Sydney Bhagratti

Wicked Ms. West - Shannon Ramkissoo

Extras

Bollywood Dancers:

Samara Bustamante

Debbie Medina

Sabah Waheed

Ann Starling

Kathleen Theodule

Vedendra Sarjoo

Mohammed Ansari

Catherine Almonte

Nicole Silverstein

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Hindi

Background:

Bombay is the largest film producer in India and one of the largest centers of film production in the world. Although Bollywood films and theatre have traditionally featured genres limited only to romance and tragedy, they have grown to accept and promote all kinds of genres.

The unique distinction of the Indian film industry is the incorporation of several dances and songs within the movie itself, therefore also carrying characteristics that resemble a musical. There has been a growing presence of Indian English in dialogue and songs as well. It is not uncommon to see films that feature dialogue with English words and phrases, or even whole sentences. Bollywood is an expanding industry that is becoming even more prominent globally because of its unique style of music and art of dancing.

Summary:

In this scene of Oz High Scarecrow, Lion, and Tin Man desperately search for Dorothy. After receiving a clue as to her whereabouts, the crew devise a plan to save Dorothy who has been captured by the Wicked Ms. West and locked up in her secret lair. The three friends must overcome their individual fears and save Dorothy, but they must first get past the evil Flying Monkey Cheerleaders by defeating them in a Bollywood style dance off!



Writers/Directors/Choreographers

Allen Kim

Jessica Pak

Cast

Dorothy - Joanne Sin

Tin Man - Peter Kim

Scarecrow - Patrick Kim

Cowardly Lion - Michael Yang

Dance Crew Leader - Skylar Kettering

Flying Monkey Cheerleader - Colleen Poje

Wicked Ms. West - Dan Dan Lu

Extras

Dance Crew:

Christine Sicwaten

Janine Sicwaten

Timberly Dinglas

Jennifer DeCastro

Lyra Libot

Allen Kim

Jessica Pak

Marie Agpalo

Flying Monkey Cheerleaders:

Menaza Townsend

Nicole Silverstein





Polish

Background:

Unlike America, Poland has been a land that has suffered at the hands of its invaders. As a result of the constantly changing political climate, the Polish theater was, from the outset, an important part of Polish life and history. Unlike its American counterpart which historically has been appreciated for its entertainment value, Polish theater has been a force for political and social change within the Polish society.

As the roots of the Polish theater are uncovered, the history of the Polish people is revealed as well. The stage becomes the social and political consciousness of the nation, shaping public opinion and calling its citizens to action. In times of turmoil and great despair it has been a unifying force that has galvanized the citizens against their oppressors.

Summary:

In this scene the Wicked Ms. West enters and searches for the Assistant Principal, whom she thinks has called her down. However, he is nowhere to be found. The Ms. West's minions, the Flying Monkey Cheerleaders, come in and tell her that she has been tricked. Ms. West tries to devise a plan to capture Dorothy and steal back the Ruby Red Homecoming Sash.



Writers/Directors/Choreographers

Marie Agpalo

Christine Sicwaten

Criselda Sarmiento

Cast

Dorothy - Criselda Sarmiento

Scarecrow - Miguel Sison

Cowardly Lion - Jennifer Decastro

Tin Man - Kevin Leite

Student - Timberly Dinglas

Secretary - Vanessa Jean

Wizard - Special Guest

Flying Monkey Cheerleaders 1 - Zoe Carpentieri

Flying Monkey Cheerleader 2 - Lyra Libot

Flying Monkey Cheerleader 3 - Janine Sicwaten

Extras

Dancer:

Lloyd Tanedo

Flying Monkey Cheerleaders:

Menaza Townsend

Nicole Silverstein



Tagalog

Background:

Tagalog is an Austronesian language with about 57 million speakers in the Philippines. The name Tagalog derives from *tagá-ilog*, which means "resident beside the river". In 1937, Tagalog was selected as the basis of the national language of the Philippines by the National Language Institute. Twenty years later, in 1959, it was renamed by then Secretary of Education, José Romero, as Pilipino to give it a national rather than ethnic label and connotation but not many complied. In 1987, after a new constitution was drawn up, Pilipino was changed to Filipino and was accepted as the National language.

Summary:

Dorothy and her crew finally reach the Emerald Times where they hope to speak to the mysterious advice columnist of Oz High's school newspaper, "the Wizard." However, they first have to make it past the student guarding the door. With a simple transaction and some googly eyes they manage to make it inside The Emerald Times.

But before the wizard will lend the crew a hand, it becomes clear that something must be done for him in return. How will they get what he wants? And how will they get past those pesky Flying Monkey Cheerleaders waiting outside?

Writers/Directors/Choreographers

Karolina Rak

Adriana Gerasimovich

Jeremy Cortez

Cast

Wicked Ms. West - Karolina Rak

Flying Monkey Cheerleader 1 - Menaza Townsend

Flying Monkey Cheerleader 2 - Aneesa Rafeek

Flying Monkey Cheerleader 3 - Lanyah Johnson

Flying Monkey Cheerleader 4 - Kathleen Theodule

Mario - Marcos Bustamante

Luigi - Vinny Rak

Extras

Kevin Benitez

Moses Syldort

Jeremy Cortez

Adriana Gerasimovich





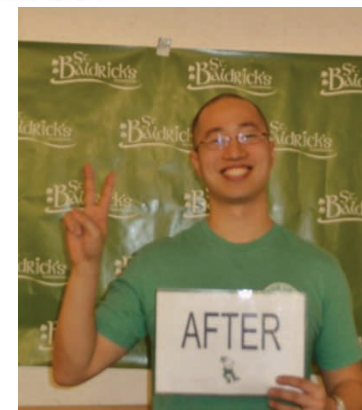
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